

Remarks

Applicants thank the Examiner for his careful consideration of the application.

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 16 – 21 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 6 – 8, 10 – 12, and 15 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Word in view of Shima (US Patent No. 6,676,309) ("Shima") and further in view of Fein et al. (US Patent No. 5,565,608) ("Fein"). These rejections are moot as Applicants have cancelled these claims.

The Examiner rejected claims 13 and 14 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Word in view of Shima in view of Fein and further in view of Official Notice. These rejections are moot as Applicants have cancelled these claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

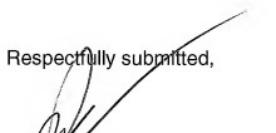
In the Office Action of October 20, 2006, the Examiner stated Claims 16 – 21 would be allowed if Claim 9 was rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The April 6, 2007 Office Action from the Examiner was a duplicate of the October 20, 2006 Response that Claim 9 was allowable if Claim 9 was rewritten in independent form. In Applicants' Response filed on January 18, 2007, the Applicants rewrote Claim 9 in independent form. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner review and allow Claim 9. Applicants believe that Claims 9 and 16 – 21 are in proper form for allowance.

Conclusion

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

A telephone interview is respectfully requested at the number listed below prior to any further Office Action, i.e., if the Examiner has any remaining questions or issues to address after this paper. The undersigned will be happy to discuss any further Examiner-proposed amendments as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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